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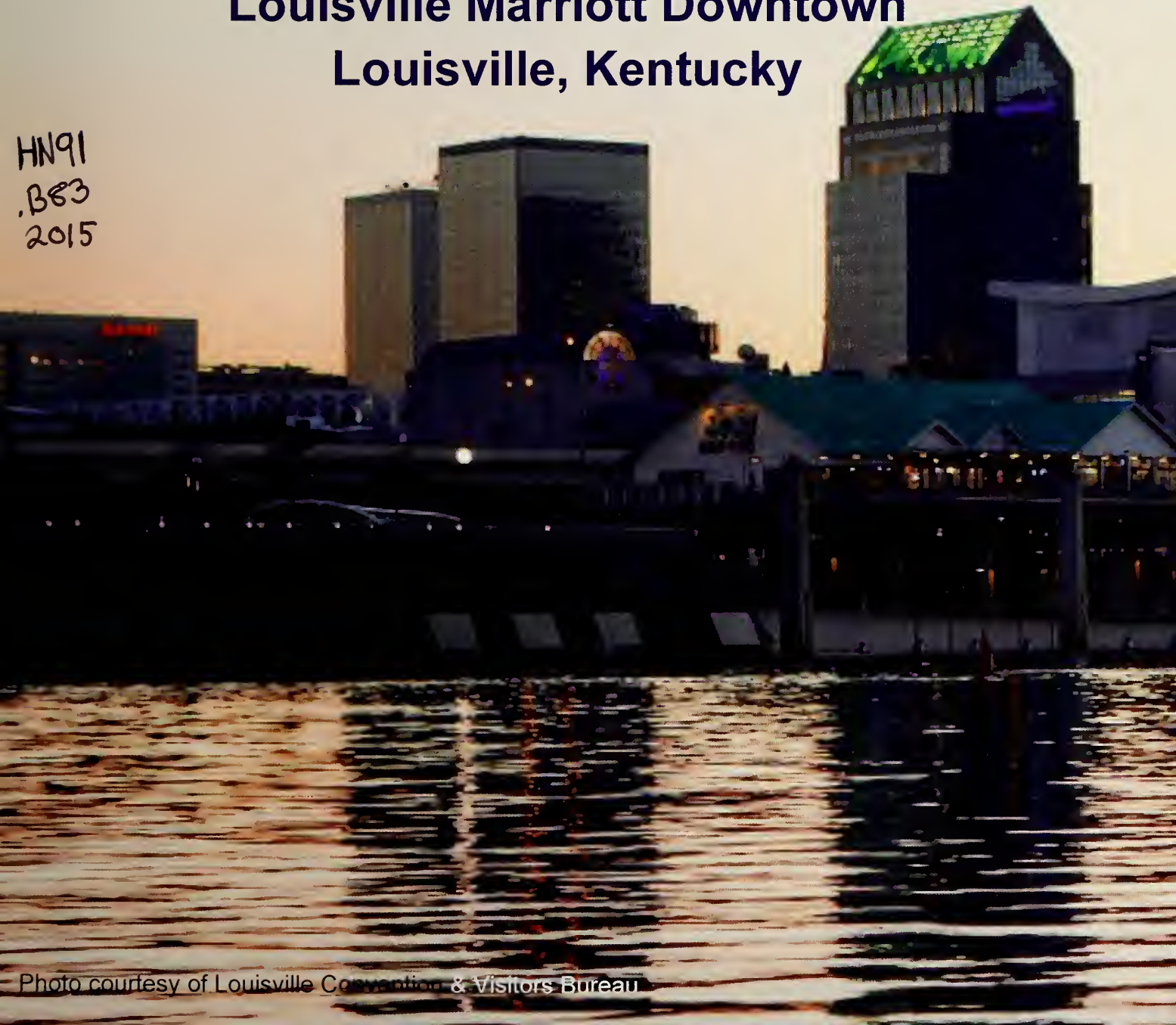
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Welcome to my fellow Blinded Veterans, Family Members, Staff, Vendors, and Friends to the 70th Blinded Veterans Association Convention at the Louisville Marriot in Louisville, Kentucky.

Since 1945 the Blinded Veterans Association has gathered in convention to not only elect its leaders for the next year but to make the changes needed to make sure that we do indeed remain the organization of blinded veterans helping blinded veterans.

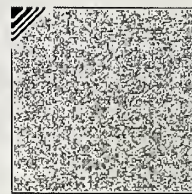
It is also not just a time meet to great old friends but to make new ones as well. It is also a time to rekindle and also establish the camaraderie that is and what makes the Blinded Veterans Association. As stated above, it's time for us to make certain that the business of the BVA and the updating of the bylaws are compatible with the purpose of our founding and mission.

The BVA is unique in its own right, as we deal specifically with blindness and or the severe visual impairment of our nation's veterans both here and abroad. This is unique in that it involves only the sense of sight. Just think about that mission we've worked for, for 70 years and counting. Because of BVA we have the Blind Rehabilitation Centers, the local issuance of equipment, computers and CCTV's, 508 compliance, BRC oversight and Vision Centers of Excellence, just to name a few. All this is accomplished at our conventions with the approval by the membership of the resolutions brought forth by those concerned about the future of not only BVA but of blinded veterans.

This is the 70th year of our organization in which we demonstrate that our membership and financial status are sound and still growing; and that every year brings a new chapter of change in the history of the BVA. As we recognize those veterans who have fought from WWII to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom both here abroad and with our Blinded Veterans of the United Kingdom brothers. We all have one thing in common besides war and that's blindness and wanting to have a little fun.

So, as I turn over the reins to your newly elected President, I leave you with this thought. We come to these conventions to make things better for those who will come after us. We are the pioneers if you will. All I ask is that you open your hearts and minds as to what is trying to be accomplished at these conventions. It's not just for us. I hope you will

continue on with this tradition of making the future better for those who come and replace us.



So Welcome to Louisville, Kentucky and to an exceptional presentation of BVA Hospitality and friendship. I'll still be around for another 2 years!

Best regards to all,

Mark A. Cornell,
National President
Blinded Veterans Association

Letter from the Executive Director:

Dear Blinded Veteran National Convention participant,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you all as participants to the 69th Blinded Veterans Association National Convention.

We have a lot on the agenda, and a lot for all of you to accomplish, none of which can happen without your active participation. The membership and community of BVA is central to these proceedings, and we need you to take full advantage of your time here – your efforts matter!

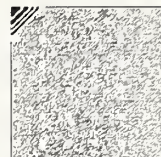
In addition to the important business meetings which guide this organization, we are offering numerous education and leadership training opportunities to help develop our future leaders. We turn to you to make this organization strong.

The exhibit hall and education sessions are there to broaden your horizons, introduce you to new ideas and new solutions, and help you make more connections both within the BVA membership, and into the extended community. We sincerely believe you'll find like-minded colleagues and, together, increase your understanding of the issues that are most important to all of us.

The convention wouldn't be possible without the volunteers, speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors, all of whom show tremendous hard work, commitment and dedication to BVA's membership and activities, and our sincere appreciation goes out to all of them. Thank you!

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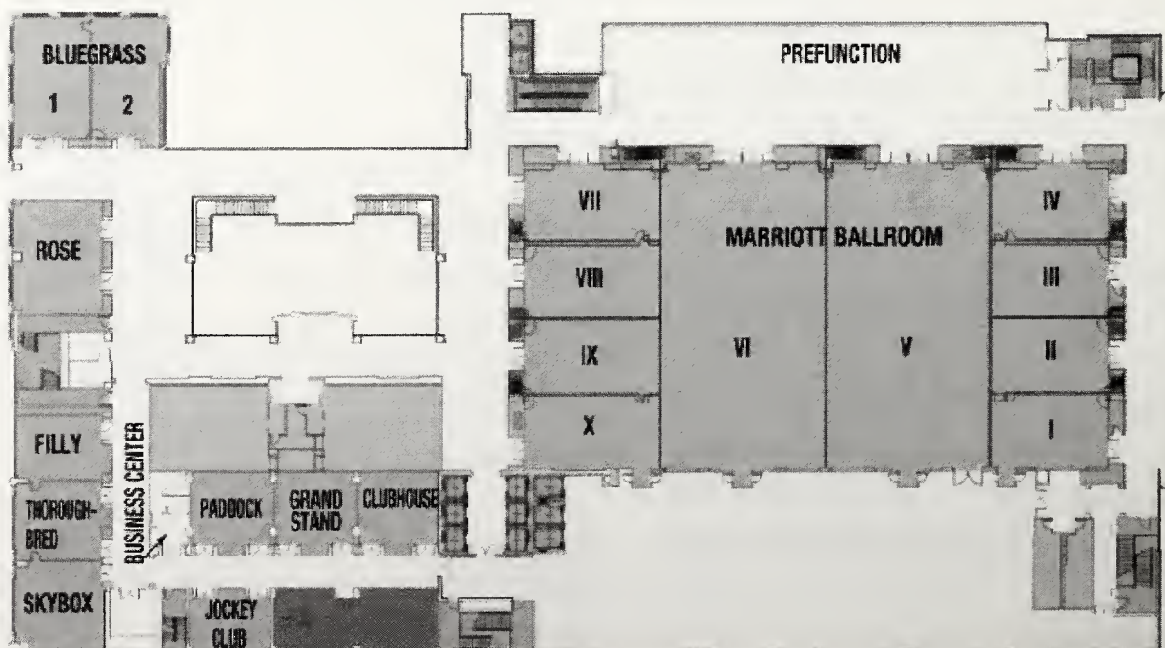
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Check-In _____ Ballroom VII
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Welcome & Orientation _____ Rose

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Nurses' Station (Monday - Friday) _____ WIN
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome Session and Agenda Overview _____ Bluegrass 2
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Education Session 1A: Smart Phone Basics _____ Bluegrass 1
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Education Session 1B: Mobile Phone Basics _____ Bluegrass 2
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Education Session 1C: Intro to Service Officer 1 _____ Thoroughbred
10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration and Check-in _____ Ballroom VII
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Education Session 2A: iPhone Fundamentals _____ Bluegrass 1
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Education Session 2B: Android Fundamentals _____ Bluegrass 2
1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Education Session 3A: Hands on Workshop _____ Bluegrass 1
1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Education Session 3B: Way Finding and GPS _____ Bluegrass 2
1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Education Session 3C: Intro to Service Officer 2 _____ Thoroughbred
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. APH Museum and Factory Tour (\$11 per person) _____ Offsite
Bus pick up at the 2nd street Entrance, leaves at 1:30p.m., and returns to the hotel by 5:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Education Session 4A: Setting up & Using Email _____ Bluegrass 1
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Education Session 4B: TBD _____ Bluegrass 2
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Review Session _____ Bluegrass 2
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Baseball Game (\$20 per person) _____ Offsite
Meet in the Lobby at 6:00 p.m. to pick up tickets and shuttle to the stadium. Public transportation is also available.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Nurses' Station Open (Monday - Friday) _____ WIN
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome Session _____ Bluegrass 2
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Education Session 1A: Voiceye _____ Bluegrass 1
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Education Session 1B: What APH can do for you _____ Bluegrass 2
- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Auxiliary Silent Auction _____ Ballroom VIII
- 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration and Check-in _____ Ballroom VII
- 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall _____ Ballroom VI
- 10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Education Session 2A: iPhone & iPad _____ Bluegrass 1
- 10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Education Session 2B: GPS App & Book Reader _____ Bluegrass 2
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn _____ Ballroom IV
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Education Session 3A: orCAM / Accessible Phones _____ Bluegrass 1
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Education Session 3B: Consumer Finance & Protection _____ Bluegrass 2
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Education Session 4A: VA Voluntary Services _____ Bluegrass 1
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Rules Committee _____ Rose
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Credentials Committee _____ Rose
- 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. BVA President's Welcome Reception _____ Ballroom V
- 9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Open for Socializing _____ TBD

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Nurses' Station Open (Wednesday - Friday) _____ WIN
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Opening Session: _____ Ballroom V
Featuring Sloan Gibson the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Opening Business: (BVA Members & Delegates) _____ Ballroom V
- 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Auxiliary Silent Auction _____ Ballroom VIII
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Auxiliary Membership Business Meeting _____ Ballroom VIII
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration Open _____ Ballroom VII
- 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open _____ Ballroom VI
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Exhibitor Presentations _____ Ballroom V
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Field Service Update_(Open to All) _____ Ballroom V
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Auxiliary Caregiver Discussion _____ Ballroom VIII
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Legislative Update_(BVA Members) _____ Ballroom V
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bylaws & Resolutions Meeting_(Members/Delegates) _____ Ballroom V
- 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bowling_(\$17 per person) _____ Offsite
- **The bus will meet promptly at 5pm in the Lobby and returns to the hotel by 9:30pm.
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Guide Dog Users Group _____ Ballroom V
- 9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Open for Socializing _____ Ballroom V

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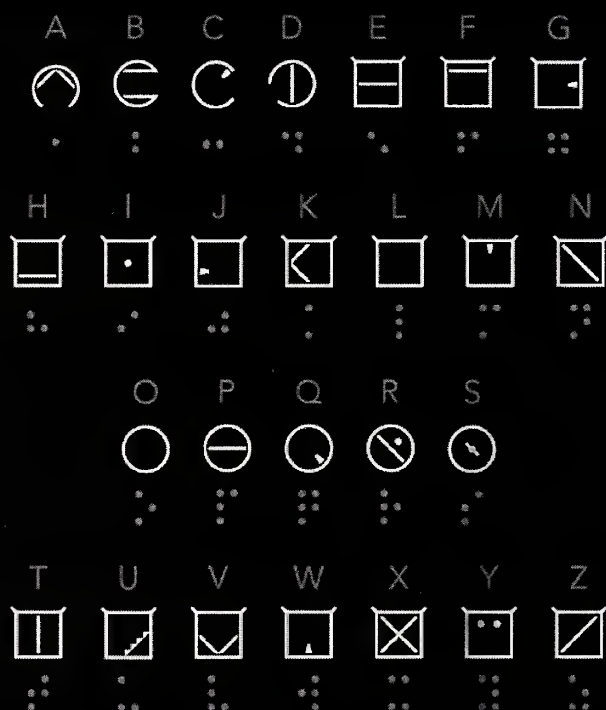
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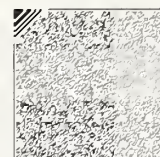
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Nurses' Station (Thursday - Friday) _____ WIN
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. BVA Forum: Opening Remarks _____ Ballroom V
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Prosthetics _____ Ballroom V
- Featuring: Penny Nechanicky, National, Director, Prosthetic & Sensory Aids Services,
VA Central Office
- 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Research _____ Ballroom V
- Featuring Tonia Rex Assistant Professor at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual
Sciences at the Vanderbilt Eye Institute
- 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Toast Masters _____ Ballroom V
- Featuring: Lance Dudley How to Grow Your Chapter and Run Effective Meetings
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Father Carroll Memorial Luncheon _____ Ballroom VI
- Featuring Michael Hudson Director of the APH Museum: Presenting selections of previous
Father Carroll Speeches
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Officer Candidate Speeches_(Members/Delegates)____ Ballroom V
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. AUXILLARY Care giver Discussion _____ Ballroom VIII
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. District Caucus Meetings: your district number is on your badge
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| District 2 | _____ | Ballroom X |
| District 3 | _____ | Ballroom III |
| District 4 | _____ | Ballroom VII |
| District 5 | _____ | Ballroom II |
| District 6 | _____ | Ballroom I |
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Silent Auction - pick up _____ Ballroom VIII
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Toast Masters Meeting _____ Ballroom V
- 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open for Socializing _____ TBD



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Nurses' Station Open (Friday) _____ WIN
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Closing Business Meeting _____ Ballroom V
BVA Members/Delegates Only - Vote on bylaws, resolutions, and convention & officer elections.
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Auxiliary Membership Meeting and Elections _____ Ballroom VIII
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Education Session: To be determined _____ Ballroom V
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. APH Museum and Factory Tour_(\$11 per person) _____ Offsite
Shuttle leaves at 1:00 p.m. and returns to the hotel by 4:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Leadership Training: Regional Group Manual _____ Ballroom V
Presented by Paul Kaminsky- District 5 Director
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Awards Banquet _____ Ballroom VI
- 9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Open for Socializing _____ TBD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

- 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 5K Run, Walk and Roll _____ Meet in Lobby
Participants will meet in the Hotel lobby and walk down to the river as group. Those that want to run can do when we get to waterfront park and when they have a confirmed running partner.
- 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. APH Film Festival _____ at APH
This is an optional event. Transportation to the American Printing House for the Blind is not included. Details will be provided in your convention bag.

BVA would like to thank its outstanding convention volunteers as well as Margarine Beaman for coordinating their efforts. We would also like to thank Brenda McDaniels for coordinating travel and all of the regional groups and members who supported this convention, the BVA National Auxiliary, Hotel Staff and BVA Staff that have worked so hard to make this event a success. Thank you all.



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We (the Blinded Veterans Association Auxiliary) are spouses, family, caregivers, and friends of blinded veterans. We come together as BVAA individuals and regional groups working together as a TEAM to support and develop more interest in BVA and in our blinded veterans.

Our BVAA Regional Groups also want to thank the BVA, for their hard work and dedication.

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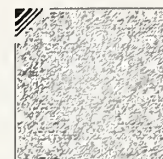


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BVA AUXILIARY CONVENTION SCHEDULE



AUGUST 17-21, 2015

All spouses' guests and friends of Blind Veterans are welcome

Monday:

3:00 pm—6:00 pm—Auxiliary Silent Auction Set up

Tuesday:

9:00am—5:00 pm—Auxiliary Silent Auction

10:00 am—Noon—BVAA Board Meeting

Wednesday:

10:00am—5:00pm—Aux. Silent Auction

10:00am—12:00am—BVAA Business Meeting

2:00pm—5:00pm—BVAA Caregiver Discussion

Thursday:

9:00am—Noon—Aux. Silent Auction (**CLOSED @NOON**)

2:30pm—4:30pm—BVAA Caregiver Discussion

5:30pm—7:00pm—Aux. Silent Auction pick up

Friday:

9:00—11:00am—BVAA Closing Business Meeting

11:30—1:00pm—**Last chance Auction PICK UP**

1:30pm—2:30pm—New Officers' meeting

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The Field Service Program is entering a period of transition to increase efficiency of services provided to blinded veterans. The Blinded Veterans Association is creating a Field Service Program Resource Center to be a one stop shop for services provided by BVA. The new FSP Resource Center will feature a dedicated toll free number which any blind veteran across the nation can call and receive services from any BVA National Field Service Officer regardless of where they live. This will streamline services and provide consistency to all veterans.

Starting September 01, 2015 all Field service calls will be routed through the new Field Service Program Resource Center. As part of this transformation, all of BVA's Field Service Regional Offices will be transferring their work records to nationals and closing. The new Field Service Program Resource Center will be located in BVA Headquarters at 125 N West Street, Alexandria VA.

This Year Marks Our 70th Convention



Details about year's award recipients can be found in the Father Thomas Carroll or Awards Banquet Program Books which are provided during the events.

IRVING DIENER AWARD

The Diener Award was established in 1961 when Irving Diener put up \$50 to present to the individual selected. The stipend was originally the amount of life membership dues for one person. The three most recent Past National Presidents are the judges for this award. Details can be found in the Awards Banquet Program

2015 -	Ruth Klein	1987 -	Troy McKenzie
2014 -	Charles Register	1986 -	No Award Given
2013 -	No Nominees	1985 -	David Szumowski
2012 -	Randall Durrigan	1984 -	Rev. Jack Kinley
2011 -	No Nominees	1983 -	Harry Quiles
2010 -	Dennis O'Connell	1982 -	Dr. Ronald Miller
2009 -	Bill Case	1981 -	John Fales, Jr.
2008 -	Roy Young	1980 -	Henry Berube
2007 -	No Nominees	1979 -	Walter Powell
2006 -	Don Haynes	1978 -	Harold Rogers
2005 -	Gene Lowery	1977 -	Dr. George Stocking
2004 -	Terry King	1976 -	Dennis Wyant
2003 -	Eldon Pugh	1975 -	Frank Yagel, Jr.
2002 -	Jimmy Hutcherson	1974 -	Julius Morris
2001 -	Harold Powell	1973 -	George Mitchell
2000 -	Mark Cornell	1972 -	Harrison Gilpin
1999 -	Larry Grant	1971 -	Jerry Monroe
1998 -	Harold Marshall	1970 -	Clyde Waugh
1997 -	Gerard McDonnell	1969 -	Robert Bescoe
1996 -	Frank Scarcella	1968 -	Leonard Shelhammer
1995 -	C. Caroline Maas	1967 -	Robert Ward
1994 -	Cornelius Appleby	1966 -	Simon Gerbush
1993 -	Larry Belote	1965 -	Stephen Sivacek
1992 -	Bryan Burnett	1964 -	William Hughes
1991 -	Russell Gage	1963 -	George Gillespie
1990 -	Elizabeth Carr	1962 -	David Schnair
1989 -	Bobby Ridener		
1988 -	Urban Miyares		

MELVIN J. MAAS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



This award, the highest honor bestowed by BVA, is annually presented to one individual, who is chosen for outstanding exemplification of the principles of initiative, independence and self-reliance.

2015-	James Hogan	1980 -	Dennis Wyant
2014-	Paul Mimms	1979 -	George Gillispie
2013-	Joe Parker	1978 -	Charles Boswell
2012 -	Thomas Hicks	1977 -	Irvin Schloss
2011 -	Dan Standage	1976 -	E. Sid Allen
2010 -	Dr. L. Eugene Apple	1975 -	Michael Johnson
2009 -	Roy Kekahuna	1974 -	Salvatore D'Amico
2008 -	Roy Young	1973 -	John Amaniera, Jr.
2007 -	Peter Link	1972 -	Michael Naranjo, Jr.
2006 -	Randy Greene	1971 -	Thomas Dargie
2005 -	George Brummell	1970 -	Donald Wedewer
2004 -	Robert "Dale" Stamper	1969 -	Dr. George Stocking
2003 -	Dr. Sidney Ordway	1968 -	Paul Duke
2002 -	Wilbert Vandenbos	1967 -	Richard Nooe
2001 -	Vito DeSantis	1966 -	Orlando Milano
2000 -	Clifford Phillips	1965 -	Thomas Hasbrook
1999 -	Mike Lewis	1964 -	John E. Hodgins
1998 -	Dave Szumowski	1963 -	Bob Crowley Riley
1997 -	Elizabeth Carr	1962 -	H. Smith Shumway
1996 -	Michael Burton	1961 -	Hez Bussey
1995 -	Ernie Flynn	1960 -	Walter Stromer
1994 -	William Fullerton	1959 -	Thomas Kennedy, Jr.
1993 -	Carl Kirksey	1958 -	Vincent Lopez
1992 -	Stephen Maguire	1957 -	Welker Shue
1991 -	Don Garner	1956 -	James Womack
1990 -	J. Dennis Cadigan	1955 -	Criss Cole
1989 -	Buddy Spivey	1954 -	Charles Boswell
1988 -	Robert Bottenberg	1953 -	Russell Williams
1987 -	Joe Burns	1952 -	Jesse Castillo
1986 -	Clayton Simons, Sr.	1951 -	Hilliard Kirby
1985 -	William Thompson	1950 -	Paul Grant
1984 -	Ellsworth Sharpe	1949 -	Orlando Milano
1983 -	Dr. Ronald Miller	1948 -	Thomas Atkeson
1982 -	Jerry Monroe	1947 -	Leonard Shelhamer
1981 -	George Stafford		



THE DAVID L. SCHNAIR AWARD

The BVA established this award in 1994 in memory and in honor of David L. Schnair a BVA Board Member and a BVA Volunteer for nearly five decades. David L. Schnair was one of the earlier members of the Blinded Veterans Association.

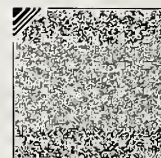
The award may be given to a BVA volunteer office, a member, or an auxiliary member, working in a BVA Volunteer Office, who has provided at least one year of consistent and outstanding service as a BVA volunteer. The volunteer should also be involved with community activities, including representing BVA as a spokesperson.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF DAVID L. SCHNAIR AWARD

2014	Charles Davis
2013	Carl Hytinen
2012	Enrique Sanchez
2011	Ronald Morales
2010	Robert Keller, Sr.
2009	Ron Lester
2008	Hazel Powell
2007	Jack Shapiro
2006	Frank Armstrong
2005	David T. May
2004	Paul Kaminsky
2003	Dora Gibe
2002	Rochelle Gurgle
2001	Corwin Mathews

PAST GAVEL AWARD WINNERS

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2015 -			
2014 -	Washington State	Wisconsin	Florida
2013 -	Southern California	Rio Grande	Florida
2012 -	Missouri	Southern Arizona	
2011 -	Florida	Rhode Island & SE Massachusetts	
2010 -	Florida	Cape Cod & Islands	
2009 -	Florida	Spokane Inland Empire	
2008 -	Rio Grande	San Diego	
2007 -	Greater Houston	Rio Grande	



PAST GAVEL AWARD WINNERS (continued)

2006 -	North Carolina	Rio Grande
2005 -	Florida	North Carolina
2004 -	Florida	Alabama
2003 -	South Texas	Silver State
2002 -	South Texas	Central California
2001 -	South Texas	Connecticut
2000 -	Florida	Central California
1999 -	Massachusetts	Greater Houston
1998 -	New York	Greater Houston
1997 -	Florida	Greater Houston
1996 -	Southern California	Maine
1995 -	South Texas	Maine
1994 -	Nebraska	Southwest Desert
1993 -	South Texas	Rocky Mountain
1992 -	South Texas	South Texas
1991 -	Minnesota	New Hampshire
1990 -	Florida	Southern Arizona
1989 -	Wisconsin	Southwest Desert
1988 -	Washington	Southwest Desert
1987 -	Wisconsin	Iowa
1986 -	Massachusetts	Hawaii
1985 -	Northern California	Rocky Mountain
1984 -	Florida	Mississippi
1983 -	Florida	Mississippi
1982 -	Florida	Indiana
1981 -	Alabama	North Carolina
1980 -	Northern California	South Carolina
1979 -	Florida	Rhode Island & SE Massachusetts
1978 -	BVA of Pennsylvania	Louisiana
1977 -	Florida	Rhode Island & SE Massachusetts
1976 -	Greater Houston	South Carolina
1975 -	Florida	Arkansas Razorback

BVA NATIONAL CONVENTION HOST CITIES AND HOTELS

August	18-21, 2015	Louisville Marriott Downtown, Louisville KY
August	18-21, 2014	Nugget, Reno NV
August	20-23, 2013	Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane, WA
August	20-23, 2012	San Luis Resort, Galveston Island, TX
August	16-20, 2011	Golden Nugget Hotel, Las Vegas NV



August	25-28, 2010	Marriot Crystal Gateway, Arlington, VA
August	18-22, 2009	DoubleTree Hotel, Portland, OR
August	14-18, 2008	Hyatt Regency, Phoenix, AZ
August	14-18, 2007	Hyatt Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM
August	15-19, 2006	Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY
August	16-20, 2005	Wyndham Miami Beach Resort, Miami Beach, FL
August	10-14, 2004	Reno Hilton Hotel, Reno, NV
August	26-30, 2003	Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC
August	13-17, 2002	St. Anthony Wyndham Hotel, San Antonio, TX
Aug-Sept	28-01, 2001	Riviera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV
August	15-19, 2000	Radisson Resort Knott's Berry Farm, Anaheim, CA
August	17-21, 1999	San Juan Grand Beach Resort, San Juan, PR
August	11-15, 1998	Wyndham Northwest Hotel, Chicago, IL
August	19-23, 1997	Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, NV
August	12-17, 1996	Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA
August	21-26, 1995	Stouffer's Renaissance, Arlington, VA
August	23-27, 1994	Omni Netherlands, Cincinnati, OH
August	10-14, 1993	Holiday Inn, Tucson, AZ
August	11-15, 1992	Loewes Vanderbilt Plaza, Nashville, TN
August	20-24, 1991	Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, NV
August	07-11, 1990	Kennedy Plaza, Providence, RI
August	15-19, 1989	Radisson Hotel, Denver, CO
August	09-13, 1988	Omni San Diego, San Diego, CA
August	11-15, 1987	Omni International Hotel, Orlando, FL
August	10-14, 1986	Caribe Hilton, San Juan, PR
August	13-17, 1985	Holiday Inn, San Francisco, CA
August	07-11, 1984	Radisson-Plaza, Nashville, TN
June	26-30, 1983	Deaville Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ
August	10-14, 1982	International Hotel, New Orleans, LA
August	11-15, 1981	Stauffer's Hotel, Washington, DC
August	12-16, 1980	Sheraton Park Plaza, New Haven, CT
August	07-11, 1979	Wilshire Hyatt Hotel, Los Angeles, CA
August	08-12, 1978	International Hotel, New Orleans, LA
July	26-30, 1977	Stauffer's Hotel, Washington, DC
August	24-28, 1976	Ben Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
August	12-16, 1975	Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York, NY
August	06-10, 1974	Holiday Inn Hotel, Denver, CO
August	14-18, 1973	Dennis Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ
July	19-22, 1972	Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, CA
August	04-08, 1971	Playboy Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, FL

July	13-18, 1970	Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York, NY
August	06-09, 1969	Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
July	24-27, 1968	Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, CA
August	01-05, 1967	Hotel America, Hartford, CT
August	16-20, 1966	Deaville Hotel, Miami Beach, FL
July	12-17, 1965	Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York, NY
August	05-08, 1964	Granada, San Antonio, TX
August	06-10, 1963	Deshler-Hilton Hotel, Columbus, OH
August	07-11, 1962	The Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
July	18-22, 1961	Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, CA
August	03-06, 1960	Somerset Hotel, Boston, MA
August	04-09, 1959	Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach, FL
July	16-19, 1958	Hotel Ben Franklin, Seattle, WA
August	21-24, 1957	Hotel Statler, Hartford, CT
August	01-04, 1956	Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee, WI
August	02-06, 1955	Hotel New York, New York, NY
August	18-21, 1954	Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, OH
August	19-22, 1953	Penn-Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
August	13-16, 1952	Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA
August	08-11, 1951	Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA
August	23-26, 1950	Hotel Severn, Indianapolis, IN
September	07-10, 1949	Hotel Washington, Washington, DC
September	02-05, 1948	Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, CA
September	05-07, 1947	Continental Hotel, Chicago, IL
September	20-22, 1946	Lincoln Hotel, New York, NY



The Blinded Veterans Association Field Service Program

Wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the men and women who volunteer for the BVA.

We also want to give a special thank you to the many "Volunteer National Service Officers" (VNSO)

Our VNSO'S are doing an exceptional job assisting our regular service officers and assisting blinded veterans.



The Alabama Regional Group of



Congratulates BVA for 70 Years of

Blinded Veterans Helping Blinded Veterans

We also thank the volunteers and Headquarters staff

For organizing this 70th National Convention

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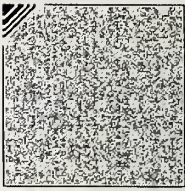
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Connecticut Regional Group

of the

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Our officers and Members wish success for the BVA National Headquarters as host for the

70th National Convention Louisville, KY August 17-21, 2015

We ask that all BVA members take a moment to reflect on the loss of our fallen comrade's of which includes



Nicolas J. Palermo, West Haven, CT
(December 27, 2014) who was one of
our founding fathers at Old Avon
Farms Avon, CT. March 28, 1945

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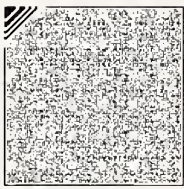
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Gem State Regional Group

Of The

Blinded Veterans Association

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From the State of Idaho's Capitol City Boise to our Kentucky neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky.

Congratulations for doing a great job on the 70th BVA National Convention!

The Gem State Regional Group's Membership salutes all of the 70th Convention Delegates and Attendees!

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We would also like to thank Val Duffy the Boise VIST Coordinator for all she does for us. THANK YOU VAL!!!! And all the members wives and caregivers for all you do. We also would like to welcome our newest addition to our group Barbara N. Fultz, our new BROS. Welcome!

ONCE MORE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

GEORGIA



Congratulations

From the Officers

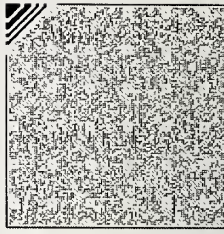
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2015



Greater Houston Regional Group of the Blinded Veterans Association



Best Wishes to the National BVA for a Successful 70th National Convention - 2015

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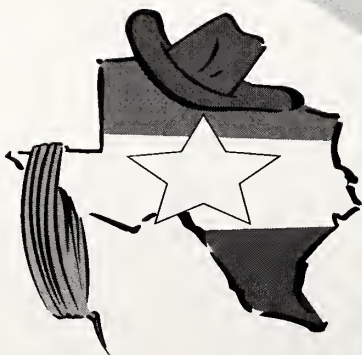
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Motto

"Blinded Veterans Helping Blinded Veterans"

The Heartland Regional Group is more than an affiliated entity of the BVA located in the center of the United States, but the center of BVA Membership driven national activities. We accomplish this by supporting and moderating two monthly teleconferences open to all blinded Veterans. These are the BVA Leadership Training Teleconference and the Blind Vet Tech Teleconference.



BVA Leadership Training Teleconference

When: Second Monday of each month
Time: 1300 or 1:00 Pm Central Time
Phone Number: (866) 820-9940

Note: This monthly teleconference enables individuals to learn more about managing and enhancing regional groups, current actions of BVA National, and other topics of interest for Regional Group leaders or officers. Originally designed to aid the BVA Director of District 2, this training is now open for all members, and is led by a panel of BVA Board Members and Regional Group Leaders.

Blind Vet Tech Teleconference

When: Third Thursday of each month
Time: 1900 or 7:00 Pm Central Time
Phone Number: (866) 820-9940

Note: This monthly teleconference provides blinded Veterans a place to freely ask a panel of experienced computer, screen readers, magnification, and smart phone users questions about employing these items in daily life. The moderators of the call originate from the Technology Association of Veterans with Visual Impairments, a working group of technology enthusiast under the BVA National Board.

**If you are interested in either of these
teleconferences, or wish to learn more about the
Heartland Regional Group, feel free to contact us
at: heartland.conferences@gmail.com**

Certificate of Appreciation



A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to

Jerry Morrison

One of the original Founders of the Blinded Veterans
Association Indiana Regional Group

For his outstanding leadership, devotion and Invaluable
Services rendered to blinded veterans



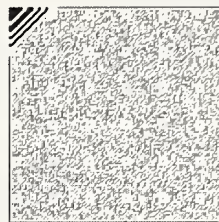
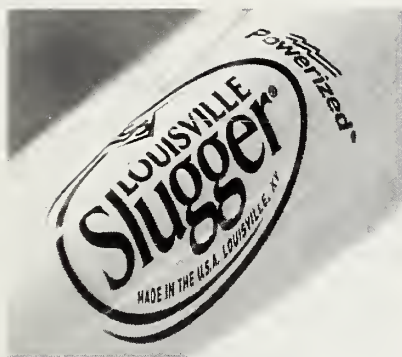
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The Kentuckiana Regional Group Of Blinded Veterans

**Would like to welcome all to the
70th National Convention
In Louisville, KY.**

**Ken Perry, President
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Kathleen Cursh, Treasurer
Larry Seacat, Sergeant at Arms
Michael Black, Secretary**

Blinded Veterans Association Massachusetts Regional Group



Then



The Pony Express took months to bring news and messages to all. Paul Revere took hours to deliver his “One By Land, Two By Sea” famous message...

Now



We can use the Internet to bring speedy communication to all who need our help! Where ever they be, near or far!

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**National Headquarters for organizing the
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Thank You

Mid-Atlantic Regional Group

Thank you

to the founding fathers of the BVA

Congratulations to the



For 70 Years of Blinded Veterans Helping Blinded Veterans!

From the members of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group

(Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Delaware)

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**Congratulations to the
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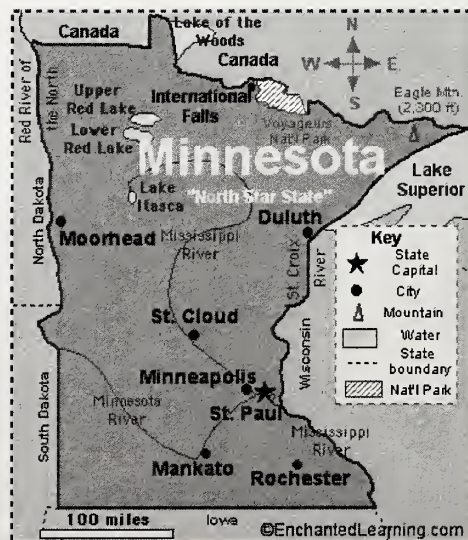
Over the past two years it has been my honor to serve as the Director of District 3. I look forward to continuing my involvement with fellow blinded veterans in District 3 and across the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers and Headquarters staff who organized the 70th National Convention.



**-Pete Davis
Director District 3**

The Minnesota Regional Group sends its Best Wishes for fun and success in Louisville Kentucky!





New Hampshire Regional Group

**New Hampshire Blinded Veterans Association
would like to thank the volunteers and
Headquarters staff who organized the 70th
National Convention in Louisville, KY**

**Congratulations to the Blinded Veterans
Associations for 70 Years of Blinded Veterans
helping Blinded Veterans!**

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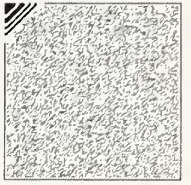
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WISH ALL BVA MEMBERS & STAFF A SAFE
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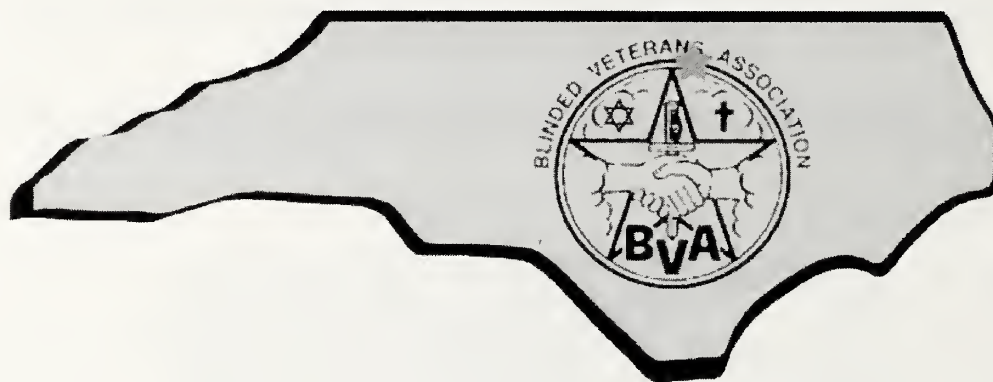
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North Carolina Regional Group Of the Blinded Veterans Association



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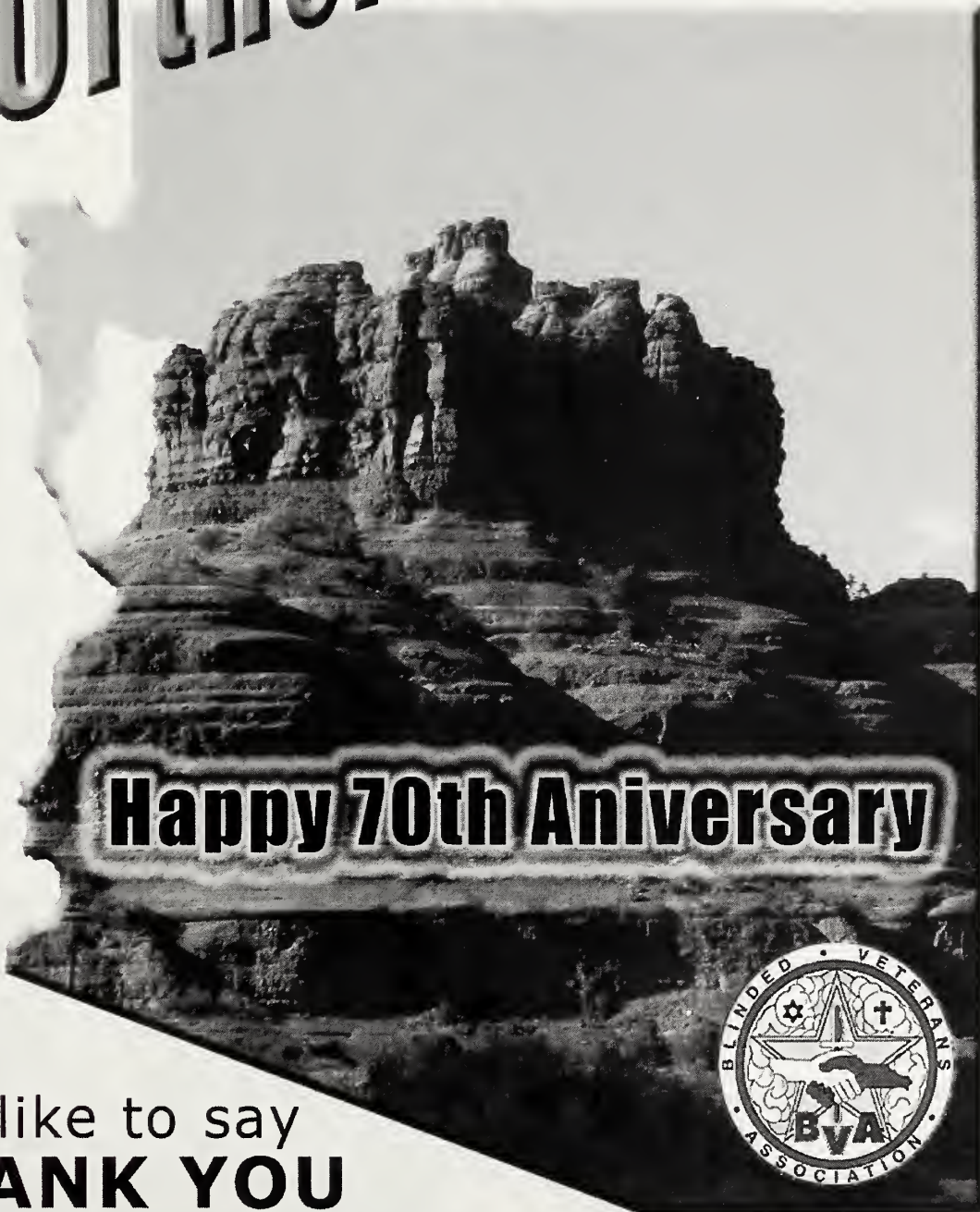
Thank You Marvin Lee, Treasurer!

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**For more information about the Regional group please contact
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The

Northern Arizona Regional Group



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Would like to say
THANK YOU

Blinded Veterans Association, volunteers,
and the Kentuckiana Regional Group!

Contact the N.A.R.G. at:
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Welcome BVA Members and Friends to the 70th BVA National Convention

Have you ever thought of enhancing your mobility and orientation (M&O) skills?

You can by acquiring a guide dog. A well-trained guide dog can help you, move down a sidewalk without swiping a cane, move through an office building with ease, and go to a restaurant with friends, Virtually, take your guide dog anywhere you go.

The only requirements needed of you is to have good M&O skills, be in good physical condition, legally blind, and you must be able to spend 27-30 days training with your guide dog at a facility.

Ultimately, you must be able to love and care for your guide dog.

Some schools will train you on how to use GPS, global positioning system, provide transportation, and provide room and board at no cost. When you go home you'll need to find a veterinarian to care for your guide dog. Then register your guide dog with the VA, Department of Veteran Affairs.

We, Ohio RG, wish you the best in choosing a sanctioned guide dog school.

PRESIDENT EARL DICKEY; VICE PRESIDENT MILAN YENCIK; SECRETARY & TREASURER DAVID MAY; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TOM BEAL, DEE KNUPP, RON MARTIN, JOE

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- Southeastern Guide Dogs (Florida) 800.944.3647 www.guidedogs.org
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Past National President Neil Appleby, and his wife Mary, celebrate with their granddaughters both of whom are Dean's List Scholars. Elizabeth Sommerfeld (left) will be a sophomore at Savannah College of Art & Design and Laila Keadan (right) will be a Freshman at George Mason University. We are proud grandparents.

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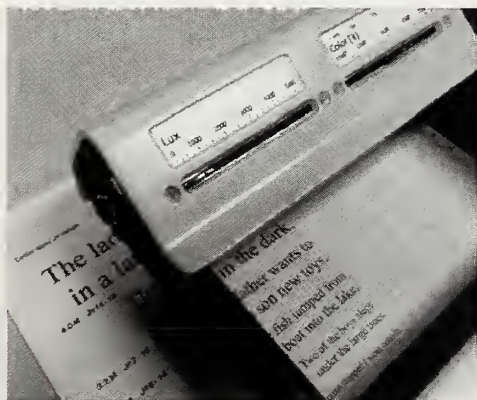
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because she has accomplished so much in such a short time.
She has started a blind Veteran's rowing team and I-Pad training
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We thank, and honor you, Amber

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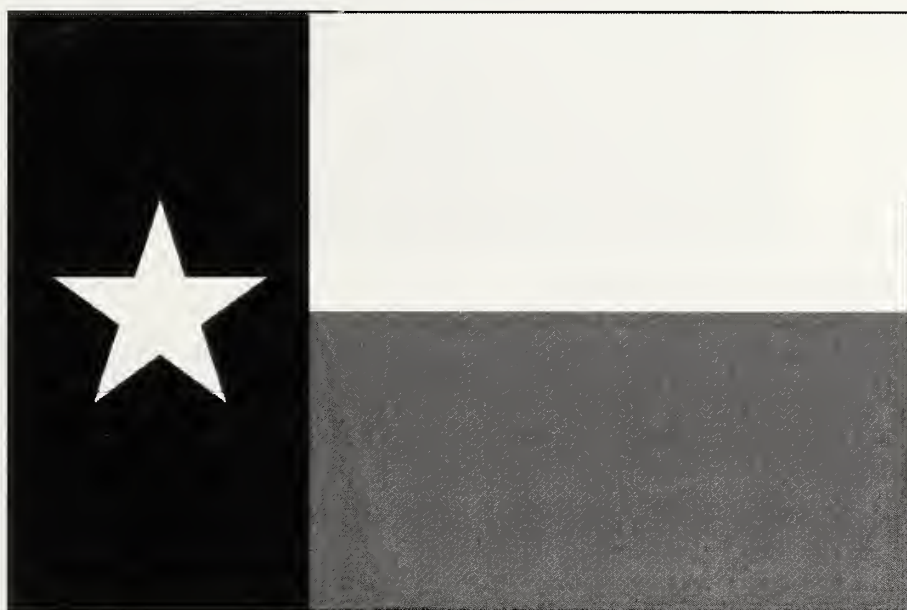
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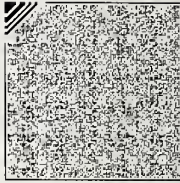
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SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL GROUP *of* Blinded Veterans Association (SCRG of BVA)



The South Carolina Regional Group would like to thank the following members for their efforts this past year Gretchen Wilson, Agnes Jefferson, Noah Love and George Hallman. We would like to hold in remembrance our fellow brother and friend the late Clarence (Gene) Huggins. His many years of devoted service of being our Treasurer will not go unnoticed.

The South Carolina Regional Group would like to thank the BVA Field Service Program and Volunteers.

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TO: The Blinded Veterans

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***FROM: The South Texas Regional Group
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***From the Alamo City of San Antonio, Texas
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The Southern Nevada R.G. would like to send best wishes to the Blinded Veterans Associations 70 years of service to all blinded vets. We would also like to thank the National office for hosting this year's convention. We wish you much success in this endeavor.

If you would like more information about the **Southern Nevada R.G.** please contact:

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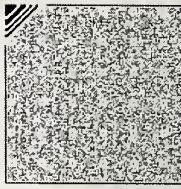
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The Officers and Members of the Blind Veterans Association of Utah



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The Blinded Veterans Association of Wisconsin would like to Congratulate and thank the Kentuckiana Regional Group and BVA National for conducting the 70th National Convention. Your Efforts for organizing this outstanding convention are very appreciated from our regional group.

2015 Schedule of events for the Wisconsin Regional Group.

* March 31st – Conference Call Meeting

* May 29 th – Annual elections, selection of National Convention

Delegate(s), Golden Corral, Green Bay, Wis.

*July 16th - Meeting followed by annual picnic, held at Veteran's Terrace, Burlington, Wis.

*September ?- Meeting TBA

*December ? - Christmas Party, Ho Chuck Hotel Casino, Lake Dalton, Wis.

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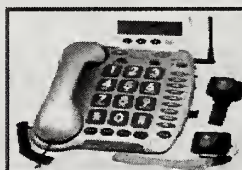
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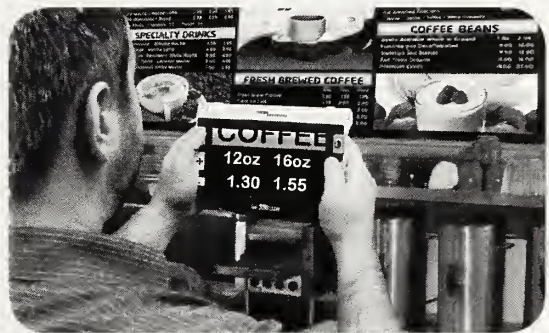
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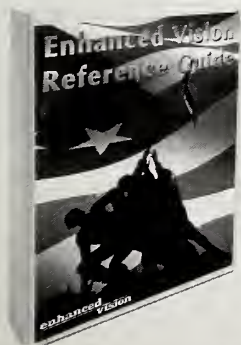


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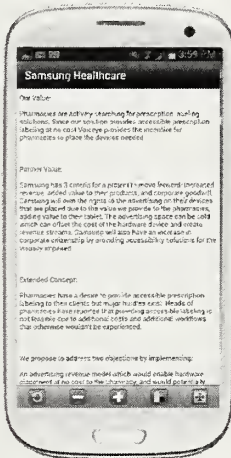
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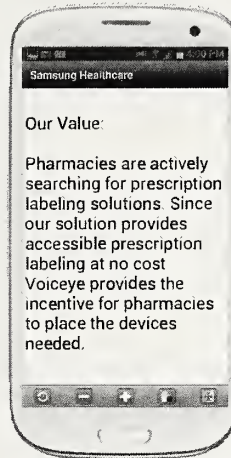
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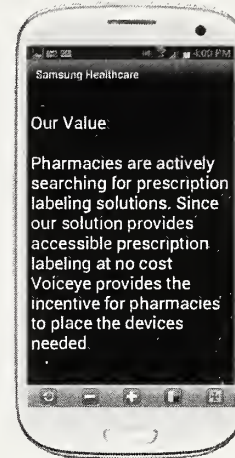
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Android

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